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Chairman's Corner

By Jim Orchekowsky



Good news, Lonnie Stevenson came thru surgery very well and is breathing on her own. The heart valve was replaced and a strap was added, she will be fine now. Thanks for all the prayers—they were answered!

Take the time to contact any Boeing Retiring People and inform them of the good works Bluebills accomplish every year through Volunteering in their communities. Invite them to join us as it will be very rewarding, both for the community as well for them personally.

Revise your Calendars to reflect the change in the Chapter Awards Luncheon, which has been moved to November 1, 2017.

I will be filling in for Lonnie's June and December Food Bank deliveries .



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

HELP!! The Busy B's need yarn! Our terrific crocheter of great things, Estelle Mead has been very busy and has run out of yarn. She makes wonderful afghans, and mitten/hat/scarf sets for our Christmas give-away to the food banks. Jim Lee makes the trip to her house to pick up her completed items and delivers more yarn and we certainly appreciate him doing this.

If anyone has yarn to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. You can call me and I will arrange to pick it up. 425 228 3384.

Meri England gave us some baby hats and a blanket she crocheted and they are very nice, as

usual. She does lovely work.

Our new member, Linda Stevens has been very busy making medical dolls for Children's Hospital. She does this at home in between her many other volunteer jobs. Lisa Nyreen makes the hospital gowns for the dolls in her "spare time" at home. Each gowns material is different and we always look forward to seeing them each month. We give the hospital 20 of them along with flannel blankets and quilts, and Oscar Olague delivers them each month. We're so lucky to have this "team".

Happy gardening to all you gardeners.





April Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Jim Orchekowsky opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was only one April birthday in attendance – Chandler Lall – and no anniversaries. Heinz Gehlhaar stated he had talked with Lonnie who had open-heart surgery recently and is doing well. She will be in a rehab facility for a time and we hope to see her back before too long. Best wishes, Lonnie, from the whole gang.

Doug Hoople announced volunteers are needed on May 23rd and 24th for the 7th Annual Veteran & Wounded Warrior Hiring & Support Summit. It will be held at The Double Tree Hilton Hotel-Seattle Airport (18740 International Blvd.). Shifts on the two days will be 9:00 am to noon and noon to 4:00 pm. Duties will include acting as greeters, escorts, distribute lunches, provide surveys, and so on. If interested, please contact the Bluebills office. (See Announcement on page 7)

Also, while on USO duty, Doug got the name and address of a veteran who was recuperating from a serious accident. His friends want to cover his walls with get well cards, so Doug encouraged folks to send one to: SPC Bryan Odell, 12400 S.E. 38th St., #53153, Bellevue, WA 98006.

Oscar Olague thanked the Busy Bs for donating 20 medical dolls, two quilts and some blankets to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. And recognized Karen and Bill Baker and Mary Ulibarri for filling 60 Easter bags with candy, stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons for children at Fred Hutchinson and Child Life. He modestly didn't mention the help provided by himself and his wife, which included delivering the bags.

Jim Beasley then introduced the speaker Leeta Scott. Leeta grew up in the Midwest and received her degree in Social Work from Indiana University. She and her husband moved to West Seattle in 1990, where they raised two sons. She has over twenty years of non-profit program management experience, including managing a parent resource program, creating new services for Page Ahead, a children's literacy non-profit, directing an AmeriCorps program, and coordinating volunteers for Bloodworks Northwest.



Leeta is Senior Program Specialist currently managing the AARP Foundation Call Center, which moved last Fall from the Northgate area to SeaTac. It provides peer to peer counseling for victims of fraud or scams. The Call Center is staffed by volunteers who provide education and resources about

fraud prevention through calls and presentations in the community. It has a long and strong history of delivering effective fraud prevention to older Americans, their families, caregivers and support networks. Volunteers provide one-to-one peer counseling that covers fraud prevention tips, resource and referral information, and victim assistance.

Leeta covered a number of the current fraud schemes with which many of the attendees were familiar and suggestions for dealing with them. To name a few --

Phone Calls

Don't answer if you don't recognize the number. Let them call back or hang up.

Don't share personal information with strangers on the phone.

The IRS NEVER calls.

Credit Cards

Check your credit card bills carefully.

Check your credit report – you are entitled to a free copy once a year.

Wiring money is always a scam.

Make IRS payments directly to the U.S. Treasury.

Computer

Never click on an email or "pop-up" from a stranger.

Facebook privacy settings – set them so your birthday, city, etc. do not show.

Beware of dating websites. Don't send money or share personal information.

Never allow anyone access to your computer unless you initiated the call.

Ignore contacts from Microsoft or Apple about a virus on your computer. Call them instead if you are suspicious of malware.

Lotteries/Sweepstakes

Never pay to play – you never have to pay a fee if you won.

Think twice about entering sweepstakes.

Foreign lotteries/sweepstakes are against the law.

Leeta spoke highly of both the need for the services of the Call Center and the volunteer experience. Even if they prevent only one caller from fraud, which can result in a loss of hundreds/thousands of dollars, they are spreading the word to many others who could fall prey to such scams.

Typically volunteers work two-to-three hours on their scheduled days. Additionally, volunteers are given the opportunity to do something a bit different from their usual volunteer role and travel on behalf of the program giving presentations at such places as community and senior centers.

There is incredible value in being of service to others and AARP Fraud Fighters is in real need of volunteers that live in the south King County area to help them as they continue their important work.

If you are interested in protecting older, vulnerable citizens and fighting fraud, please contact Leeta at 206-517-9353. To report fraud abuse, call 1-800-646-2283 or for more information go to www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

Leeta’s presentation was thorough and so important for all members to be aware of. One can never be too careful. Attendees had a number of questions and many personal experiences to relay.

While Jim was getting ready to hold the door prize drawing, Mary Ulibarri asked the members to give Jim Beasley a round of applause for his hard work is getting such interesting and informative speakers. Well done, Jim, much appreciated.

Following the meeting everyone socialized while enjoying a wonderful “Finger Food” potluck.



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Speaker for May Chapter Meeting

By Jim Beasley



The speaker for May will be Wesley Wenhardt, who is the Executive Director of the Foss Waterway Seaport.

He has served in this role since

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2013.

Under his tenure the Seaport Team has invested over \$3.5 million in new construction, most recently adding heat and has successfully transitioned from a seasonal to fulltime year round operation.

His last assignment in the maritime field was the Executive Director of the Vancouver Maritime Museum in Vancouver British Columbia.

Wesley has worked opening museums, science centers and IMAX Theater in many locations around the world.

He enjoys Tacoma the most when the sun is out and shining!

And he is outside preferably on the water!



SOCIAL SECURITY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN COMMUNITIES

By Kirk Larson

Social Security Washington Public Affairs Specialist



Social Security is a critical federal program that promotes income stability among millions of households in the United States. Social Security is always evolving to meet the needs of the American public. We're optimis-

tic about the future and the limitless possibilities for progress.

Much of the progress we've made together, as a nation, is through the shared responsibility of paying **Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax**. This federal payroll tax funds Social Security— programs that provide benefits for retirees, the disabled, and children of deceased workers. You help us keep millions of hard working Americans out of poverty.

Without your contribution, wounded warriors wouldn't receive the benefits they deserve. Children who have lost parents would have no social safety net. Millions of elderly people would be destitute. In the same way that we take great pride in helping people who need it, you should take pride in making this country stronger. You can see the many ways our retirement benefits help your loved ones and neighbors at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire.

Right here in the Washington Social Security is at work providing support.

In King County alone there are over 300,000 people (about 1 out of 6) collecting monthly payments totaling over 5 billion dollars per year.

When you look at Washington State the economic impact in small and large communities is undeniable. There are close to 1.3 million people receiving monthly payments worth more than 20.4 billion dollars per year.

The case is similar in other state. Take Idaho, there are over 326,000 people receiving payments. That is about one out of every five people. That represents over 4.8 billion dollars per year.

Social Security money is an important driver of local commerce.

If you want to learn about your own Social Security benefits, visit www.ssa.gov/myaccount/ to empower your future, for today and tomorrow.

EX-SPOUSE BENEFITS, TAXES, AND YOU

*By Kirk Larson
Social Security Washington Public Affairs Specialist*

Mid-April features both Ex-Spouse Day and Tax day. These two observances are extra important if you are an ex-spouse, because Social Security pays benefits to eligible former spouses. In addition, you may need to claim this income on your tax forms.

If you are age 62, unmarried, and divorced from someone entitled to Social Security retirement or disability benefits, you may be eligible to receive benefits based on his or her record. To be eligible, you must have been married to your ex-spouse for 10 years or more. If you have since remarried, you can't collect benefits on your former spouse's record unless your later marriage ended by annulment, divorce, or death. Also, if you're entitled to benefits on your own record, your benefit amount must be less than you would receive based on your ex-spouse's record. In other words, we'll pay the higher of the two benefits for which you're eligible, but not both. You are potentially eligible for up to 50% of what your ex-spouse could receive at their full retirement age.

You can apply for benefits on your ex-spouse's record even if he or she hasn't retired, as long as you divorced at least two years before applying. In addition, your ex-spouse must be at least age 62.

The amount of benefits you get has no effect on the benefits of your ex-spouse and his or her current spouse. Visit *Retirement Planner: If You Are Divorced* at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/divspouse.htm to find all the eligibility requirements you must meet to apply as a divorced spouse. Our benefits planner gives you an idea of your monthly benefit amount. If your ex-spouse died after you divorced, you can still qualify for widow's benefits. You'll find information about that in a note at the bottom of the website.

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/divspouse.htm today to learn whether you're eligible for benefits on your ex-spouse's record. That

could mean a considerable amount of monthly income. What you learn may bring a smile to your face ... even on Tax day!

HONORING AND HELPING OUR SERVICE MEMBERS ON MEMORIAL DAY

*By Kirk Larson
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On Memorial Day, we honor the soldiers and service members who have given their lives for our nation. Social Security respects the heroism and courage of our military service members, and we remember those who have given their lives in defense of freedom. Part of how we honor service members is the way we provide Social Security benefits.

The unexpected loss of a family member is a difficult experience for anyone. Social Security helps by providing benefits to protect service members' dependents. Widows, widowers, and their dependent children may be eligible for Social Security survivors benefits. You can learn more about Social Security survivors benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/survivors.

It's also important to recognize those service members who are still with us, especially those who have been wounded. Just as they served us, we have the obligation to serve them. Social Security has benefits to assist veterans when an injury prevents them from returning to active duty.

Wounded military service members can also receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability claims. For example, Social Security will provide expedited processing of disability claims filed by veterans who have a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Compensation rating of 100 percent Permanent & Total (P&T). Depending on the situation, some family members of military personnel, including dependent children and, in some cases, spouses, may be eligible to receive benefits. You can get answers to commonly asked questions and find useful information about the application process at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

Service members can also receive Social Security in addition to military retirement benefits. The good news is that your military retirement benefit does not reduce your Social Security retirement benefit. Learn more about Social Security retirement benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement. You may also want to visit the Military Service page of our Retirement Planner, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/veterans.html.

Service members are also eligible for Medicare at age 65. If you have health insurance from the VA or under the TRICARE or CHAMPVA programs, your health benefits may change, or end, when you become eligible for Medicare. Learn more about Medicare benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare.

In acknowledgment of those who died for our country, those who served, and those who serve today, we at Social Security honor and thank you.



Reminder

Report your Volunteer Hours

By
Email: Bluebills@boeing.com

Or
Phone: 206-544-6286

Or
Mail: To Address on Form

Or
Bring Completed Reporting Form to the Monthly Meeting



Birth of the Internet

Will and Guy have been sent this short story by David Foley, a reader of the site and we would like to share it with you.

A Funny Story of How the Internet Began

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?" And Abraham did look at her - as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load - but simply said,

"How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."



Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. The drums rang

out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent. To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was called Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures: Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and began to siphon off some of Abraham's business. But he was soon discovered, arrested and prosecuted for insider trading. And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. And he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

Lo, Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others!" And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known, he said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

And that is how it all began.

Tales from Travel Agents

Fastest Jet in America

An Illinois Congresswoman called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:20am and got into Chicago at 8:33am. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that!

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EMPLOYER SUMMIT, May 23rd
 Join employers, human resources professionals, hiring managers, and prospective leaders to discuss the challenges & solutions associated with Veteran hires and their transition to the civilian sector.

CAREER FAIR & HIRING EVENT, May 24th
 Meet employers from:
 • DoD
 • Federal Agencies
 • Private sector

Explore job opportunities, transition workshops for:
 • Wounded Warriors
 • Veterans
 • Spouses and caregivers

For additional information and registration, please visit:
www.HireAVet.navy.mil

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Calendar of Events 2017

Jan 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 25	Heritage Chapter Picnic (TBD)
Sep 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Craft Fair)
Oct 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 1	Chapter Honors Luncheon
Nov 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 17	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 15	Chapter Monthly Meeting

Food Bank Schedule For 2017

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting to be given to a different food bank each month.

January	Highline	Marian Herrin
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim & Bambi Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Jim Orcekowsky
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Jim Orcekowsky

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

May 26, 2017

10:00 AM Social—10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon Meeting

Speaker: Wesley Wenhardt, Executive Director Foss Waterway Seaport

Subject: "Foss Maritime Museum"

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month

Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave South, Renton, WA. Parking is available in the lot immediately across the street from the VFW.

Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name _____

Phone Number _____

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(month/year) (agency name)

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(month/year) (agency name)

Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting Directions

From the **north** take 405 S
 Bronson Way. Keep right
 and continue on S 2nd St. to
 Williams Ave S. Turn left
 onto Williams Ave S and turn
 right onto 5th St. Go one
 block and turn right onto
 Burnett Ave S to VFW.
 From the **south** go north on
 Highway 405 to Exit 2 Hwy
 167 Rainier Ave S. Go
 north to S Grady Way. Turn
 right on S Grady Way to
 Talbot Rd (3rd light) turn
 left on Talbot Rd. One block
 turn right on 7th St and then
 left on Burnett Ave S. Con-
 tinue three blocks to VFW.

